

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-15 and 121-136 are currently pending in this application. By the present amendment, claim 1 is amended to delete the non-elected subject matter, and claims 16-120 are cancelled. Claims 121-136, methods of making the compounds of formula (I) of claim 1, are added. These additional claims are supported by the present specification, e.g., at pages 34, 38, and 46. No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to pursue one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the original claims.

II. Reply to the Restriction Requirement

In reply to the Office Action of June 9, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 2-3, 6-14 and claims 1, 4, 5 and 15 in part, wherein A is (ii)), with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicants have added claims 121-136, which merely recite a method of making the compounds of formula (I) of claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. *See* MPEP § 803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent,

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